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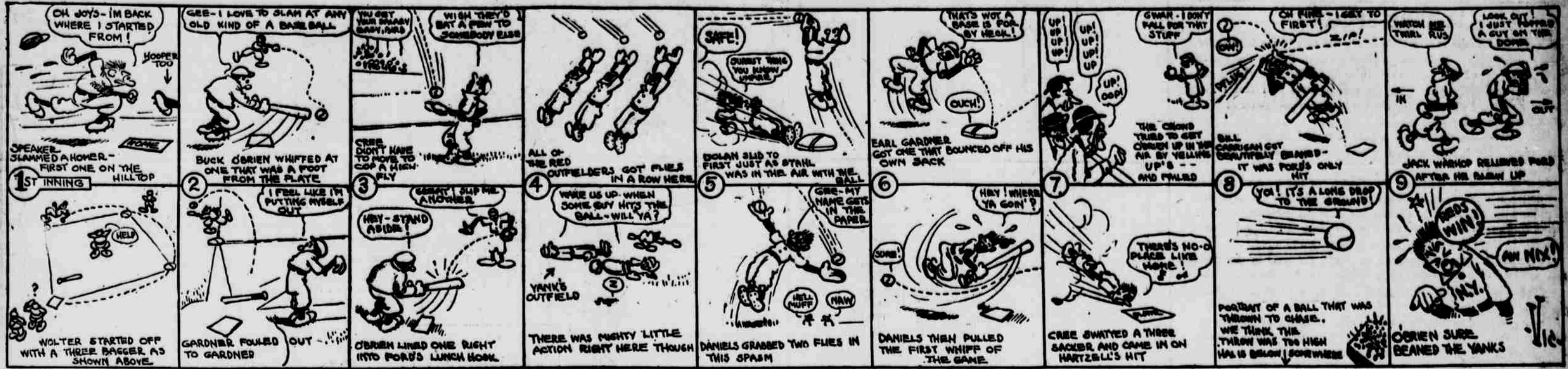
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Opening Games Show All the Big League Clubs Strengthened

HIGHLAND-BOSTON GAME IN MOVING PICTURES

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GREAT MEN OF
BASEBALL
FOR 25 YEARS AS
CY YOUNG KNEW THEM.
BY BOZEMAN SULZER.

Players in Old Days More Tricky Than They are Now, Says Veteran Pitcher Cy Young, but so Many Rules Have Been Made to Prevent Tricky Playing That Men Have Abandoned It and Now Stick More Closely to the Real Science of the Game.

CHAPTER VII.

"SPEAKING of old times," said Cy Young, "I was pleasantly surprised last summer to find Dan Bruthers, the one-time famous slugger, working at the Polo Grounds as a watchman. Dan was a great hitter in his day, though I doubt if he was fast enough on the bases to be as great a star now as men like Ty Cobb, Joe Jackson, Hans Wagner and Eddie Collins.

"Bruthers was in the game when a batter could call for a high or low ball. That was a little before my time. When I broke in the present rules in regard to batting, with the exception of the foul strike rule, were in force. Dan tells me that his favorite ball used to be a low one, but when they changed the rules on him he learned to hit the high ones as well.

"What do you think of the foul strike rule?" I asked.

"It is undoubtedly an advantage to the pitcher," he replied.

"But it has helped the batter in that he is forced to be more careful and pick out better balls.

"I can remember well," continued the veteran pitcher, "when such batters as Latham, McGraw, Jennings, McKeever and others could stand up to the plate and foul the ball off whenever they pleased. They were a lot of fun to watch out the pitcher and prolong the game. On one occasion Artie Latham fouled off thirty-two balls before he was finally forced to hit it. The crowd vigorously objected to a player delaying the game in that way, and that is one of the reasons that the rule was made calling a foul a 'strike'.

PLAYERS MORE TRICKY IN OLD DAYS.

"Were the batters then more tricky than they are now?" I asked.

"In a way, they were," he answered, "because they had a better chance to get away with it. Nowadays it is pretty hard for a ball player to pull off a trick such as hiding the ball, because the fans have grown so wise on the game that they will tip the home player off as to what is going on. The fans have prevented many a trick by yelling a warning at the runner. They miss very few things in the stands these days.

"Many rules have been made to prevent tricky playing that the players have about abandoned that and stick more closely to the real science of the game.

"For instance," he explained, "I'll tell you a little detail that is all important today which in the old days was overlooked. When a batter hits a clean single now he always is made to take the turn toward second when he gets to first base. In case the ball is fumbled an extra base can be gained, and many games have been won on that alone. In the old days the runner seeing that he had only a single would run to first base only and then turn to the right. It never occurred to him to be in position to take advantage of a fumble. Those are the little things that count and that fairly well illustrate what I meant by saying that the difference between the old baseball and the new is in paying attention to details.

"Every little advantage on the field will count up in the long run. The player may think that these little details are too insignificant to give serious thought to, but they are the type of players who do not succeed. The championship club is made up of men who take advantage of every situation.

YOUNG GAVE JOE JACKSON HELP.

"I had a chance to help a player out in this particular last summer, and I believe my suggestions have been of some benefit to him. The man I refer to is Joe Jackson, the wonderful outfielder of the Cleveland club. Jackson is a marvelous hitter and a fast runner. I knew a little more about how to

BIG LEAGUES' PENNANT OUTLOOK FOR 1912

Below is Printed Just How the Sixteen Clubs in the Two Major Leagues Shape Up—How the Teams Have Been Strengthened—What Various Managers Think of Pennant Races.

FANS are almost certain of seeing a red-hot campaign in the National League this season. No longer should the fight for the pennant be waged by three clubs. In statements sent to The Evening World today the various managers tell how their teams have been strengthened. It is obvious that the scouts have been on the job all winter, for the weaker clubs have been materially reinforced by trades and new recruits, and the leading teams—Chicago, Pittsburgh and the Giants—have all made additions to their ranks. Two teams, Boston and Cincinnati, have new managers, and unless all signs fail the race will be bitterly contested.

In Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis and Boston, cities which enjoy the distinction of having two big league clubs, the experts say that the pros-

pects of faster teams are brilliant.

The Tigers, according to Manager Hughie Jennings, have increased their strength 20 per cent. The same can be said of Cleveland, where Harry Davis, the ex-Athletic, reigns. He thinks he'll fight it out with Mack's team for the pennant.

Despite all that is written and said, however, the season of 1912 will undoubtedly close with the same record of reverses, accidents, disappointments, failures and other things as those of the past.

Below is pointed out where all the clubs have been strengthened, what changes have been made since last year and many other things of interest to the baseball public.

How Experts and Managers Size Up Teams as They Now Stand

GIANTS' ADDED STRENGTH LIES IN THEIR "SUBS."

The main strength of the Giants for 1912 over 1911 lies in the added substitutes. McGraw has picked up a wonderful recruit in Johnny Groh. Several big league clubs have tried to buy him. Another big addition has been George Burns for the outfield. Burns is a good hitter, extremely fast on the bases, and is one of the best sliders on the team.

The pitching department has been strengthened by the addition of Big Jeff Tousey, who proved his worth yesterday by letting Brooklyn down with three hits though he was defeated. There is also strength in the possibility of Louis Drunko being able to take his regular turn in the box. Rube Marquard will be better than last year.

While the Giants had bad weather for training they were not so unfortunate as some of the other clubs, and they are now in as good condition as any club in either league.

TIGERS TWENTY PER CENT. STRONGER THIS SEASON.

(Special to The Evening World.)

DETROIT, April 12.—Hughie Jennings, always enthusiastic when speaking of the Tigers, after selecting his 1912 pennant hopes with care and wisdom, declared that the Detroit club which entered this year's race at Cleveland on Thursday was fully 20 per cent. stronger than the one which finished second to the Athletics last year, and that barring accidents or a like improvement in the world's champions the Tigers would repeat their performance of '11, '10 and '08.

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DODGERS EXPECT TO GET HIGHER BERTH THIS YEAR.

"It is with pleasure that I make the announcement that the Brooklyn team of 1912 is much stronger in many ways than it was last year," says Bill Dahlen, the Dodger manager. "In the first place, the positions on the team which were weak in 1911 have been materially strengthened by the addition of men who not only can cover them but besides are there with the stick. The addition of Outfielder Moran, Infielder Smith, Catcher Phelps and Outfielder Northern have greatly helped us.

"The pitching department has also been greatly strengthened. Allen, Dent and Tingle look like very promising twirlers, and with the others—Rucker, Berger, Knauer and Schardt—I am not worried. While my pitchers didn't have much chance to get into the best of shape during our spring training trip on account of the miserable weather, I expect to see them round into fine condition in a few weeks. I am almost certain that the Brooklyn will finish in a higher position than they did last season."

BROWNS ARE HOPEFUL OF GETTING OUT OF CELLAR JOB

(Special to The Evening World.)

CHICAGO, April 12.—There are several reasons why Manager Wallace believes the Browns will vacate eighth place this season. The principal one is that George Stovall, the former Nap manager, is now playing first base for the St. Louis Americans. That Wallace had his troubles in trying to find a first sacker last year is evident from the fact that no less than seventeen men were given trials at that job in 1911.

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HILLTOPS SURE TO MAKE GOOD IN THE LONG RUN.

Although handicapped by the bad start in losing the first two games, the Hilltoppers appear to be much better off than they were last year, and all because they have a new manager that won't stand for any leading on the job. In Harry Wolverton the team has a leader who is bound to be a huge success in the long run.

BOTH CHICAGO BALL CLUBS STRENGTHENED SINCE 1911.

(Special to The Evening World.)

CHICAGO, April 12.—Both of the Chicago teams seem to be stronger than they were at the close of last season. The White Sox have added more strength than the Cubs have, for in Weaver, Rath and Mattick, Manager Callahan has picked up three youngsters of especial merit, while Manager Chance has added but one new man to his team in Eddie Lennox, who is to hold down third for the former champions.

Manager Chance feels confident that his men are going to be able to put up a harder fight against the Giants this year than they did last year. He figures that Brown is just as good as he was and that Cole and Reulbach will be more help than they were last season. In Cheney he thinks he has a "comer," and with Lavender and Northrup, two other new pitchers, he plans to give the league leaders a fight every inch of the way.

BOSTON'S TWO CLUBS HAVE MADE AN AUSPICIOUS START.

(Special to The Evening World.)

BOSTON, April 12.—This city is simply wild with delight because of the added strength shown by the Red Sox and Braves the new names for the Boston Nationals.

The chief strengthening of the Americans has been done in their getting back their old manager, Jake Stahl. He is putting up the best game of his career at first. The infield with Wagner back at short and Larry Gardner made over from a second baseman to a third sacker guardian has been bolstered. Yerkes is doing well at second. The outfield is considered the best in the country by experts, consisting as it does of Speaker, Lewis and Hooper. The catching staff is well taken care of by Carrigan and Nunnemaker, while the pitching staff with such stars as Ciochet, Wood and O'Brien as a nucleus needs to take no back fire from anybody.

PHILLY TEAMS LOOK EVEN BETTER THAN LAST YEAR.

(Special to The Evening World.)

PHILADELPHIA, April 12.—Both of the Philadelphia teams look stronger than they were last season, even the wonderful world's champions having improved to some extent. Connie Mack has not been content to rest easy with his powerful aggregation. He scoured the country for more material, and his second string players are better than the substitutes of Bill Strunk and Derick, who have been with the team for two years, have shown vast improvement this spring and both are ready to take a regular position on the team.

CARDINALS HAVE VISIONS OF THE FIRST DIVISION.

(Special to The Evening World.)

ST. LOUIS, April 12.—Of a flying start by beating the Browns five out of seven in the spring series and then blanking the Pirates 1-0 in Thursday's inaugural, the Cardinals are a confident and concerted lot of players this spring. They have visions of finishing in the first division, well up with New York and Philadelphia, and have their hopes on the fact that in Bill Dill, a big right-handed pitcher, the club has a man who threatens to prove the Alexander of 1912.

Another promising young pitcher is Eugene Dale, a right-hander. Joe Wilks, a left-hander, has everything under control, which happens to be essential. Once he gets control he's sure to cause consternation, but at the present writing he's as wild as a March hare.

O'DAY HAS MADE GOOD START AT CINCINNATI.

(Special to The Evening World.)

CINCINNATI, April 12.—The Reds, under their new manager, Hank O'Day, the veteran umpire, have cut out a fast pace for the season. O'Day, who is a local fan, thinks he is the best manager the team has ever had, and if he wins a pennant this season he can have anything in the town.

The local team is made up of practically the same men as last year, but they are all more seasoned and with the careful judgment and guidance of O'Day are showing more spirit than they ever displayed before. Larry McLean, the crack catcher, is on the water wagon for keeps, which means a great deal to the team.

NAPS THINK THEY'LL FIGHT IT OUT WITH ATHLETICS.

(Special to The Evening World.)

CLEVELAND, April 12.—The Naps of 1912 are considerably stronger than last season and Manager Davis is of the opinion that his team will be the one to fight it out with the Athletics for the pennant.

WURRA. WURRA!
RANDOM BIG GAME
SHOTS AT AND SMALL

THE disgraceful overcrowding at the opening game between the Giants and the Brooklyn last Thursday has let loose a pile of epistolary kicks to me. Here's one:

WURRA WURRA: Why is it that Mayor Gaynor refuses to permit Commissioner Waldo to police the Greater New York ball parks?

There are five reasons why His Honor refuses to turn his bulls loose in the horrid pastures:

No. 1. He assumes that baseball is a gentle, peaceful pastime indulged in by peaceful citizens and witnessed by men, women and boys of a peaceful nature. No. 2. His Honor is obsessed with the notion that if any of his constables want to see a ball game they should do so on their days off, when they can stroll with the rest of the bunch. Strange as it may seem or sound to those who deal in Brooklyn, a policeman is a human being, equipped with human emotions. If he is compelled to watch a ball game while wearing his uniform and appearing to be on duty, he must look on with the stolid front of a ticky Indian. This requires self-control of an abnormal kind, wherefore if he (the cop) goes home after the game and kicks the cat out of the window you can hardly blame him. No. 3. While Flatbush and the Bronx are screaming for more cops to protect them from second-story visitors and footpads it isn't good politics to shoot a hundred or so cops into a ball field and have them standing idly around while they might be better employed in the tall grass.

No. 4. The Mayor hopes that some day the baseball managers will find time between cutting coupons and counting his profits to break in a capable bunch of strong arm guards of his own. The Mayor never expects that the baseball manager will confine the sale of tickets within the limit of the capacity of his ground.

No. 5. His Honor presumes too much on the good nature of the American public, probably for the reason that the fans heretofore fail to kill more umpires.

If you care for any more on the subject, Mr. Brooklyn Fan, write to His Honor himself and you'll probably get an answer, that'll hold you hog-tied and hamstringed.

"Buy ole clo!" he throws it back at me.

"Nothing of the sort," says I. "I always buy new ones—when I have the price."

And then another one takes it up: "Ole clo!"

I can't have them pinched for stammer, because they're right. But I don't like it. One thing I can say for you to stammer to a bunch of new clo's so I can get 'em and get 'em right. JAMES MARRON.

It's tough, so it is, Mr. Hardop. Last Monday morning, I was told by a Bostonian, "neat and nattie." I was told myself by a line of your Boston censors. And every mother's son on them shouted that the bright light of Irish wool. "Ole clo!"

There's no hope.

READ IN THE PAPERS this morning an account of an eruption of Chignik Peak, Alaska. Capt. Wang of the Norwegian ship Origen tells how his vessel steamed through thick, brown water caused by the eruption.

Thick, brown water, eh? Why, Panama hasn't anything on us. We've covered right out of our own faucets with just such uncleanly and uncleanly stuff as Capt. Wang so lucidly describes. And our thick, brown water is not caused by a volcanic eruption. It's done by political corruption.

H. ME. BUT THAT WATER that is furnished by the city of New York, although I'm not a consumer of much water, gives me qualms! Therefore the taste of the muddy brown stuff does not seriously interest me, but, as all decent County Mayo men, I like my daily bath and I hate like the devil to bathe in mud.

ON a careful analysis of the Irish Home Rule Bill I find that the British Government proposes the following remarkable grant of self-government:

The Parliament in London will have power to order the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to veto any measure of the Irish Parliament. Nothing affecting the Crown, army, navy, territories, treaties, titles, treason, naturalization, copyright or other matters can be touched by the Irish Parliament.

For six years after the passage of the measure the customs duties and excise revenues will be turned into the English treasury as usual. Then the Government at London will control the collection of the new revenues. The nation will not come under Irish control until six years after the passing of the bill. All supreme court judges will be appointed by the British Crown during the same term of six years, etc.

Well, of all the political bunco games I have ever heard of this is the prize winner for pure bluff. And the smug thing is that Redmond and his followers seem to like the poor, crumpled thing. About all that is left to the Irish Parliament is the power to indulge in whoredom and resolves.

But we're great at that!

direction of Harry Hillman, the great boxer and middle distance runner, who is now athletic director at Dartmouth University. He is assisted by John J. Molough of the Public Schools Athletic League, a great organizer, and by Rowland A. Patterson, Inspector of Athletics for the Board of Education.

WURRA WURRA: What is the difference between a good life and a gink? I can't find them in the dictionary.

TRRONE ON HOOLEY. The difference between a good and a gink is the difference between a man who lives in the Bronx and a man who lives in Flatbush. Figure it out.

R. J. FITZGERALD—Look at a map if you want to know how a steamship route lies for San Francisco.

I won't answer any queries about frame-ups at the old Broadway or any other old boxing club. Let the old past bury its dead. The game is open, nicely now. What's the use of going old over?